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**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Rule 116 Response After Final Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action dated November 17, 2003, for which a response period expiring on February 17, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on March 17, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$110.00** to the Deposit Account of **KENYON & KENYON**, Deposit Account number **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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